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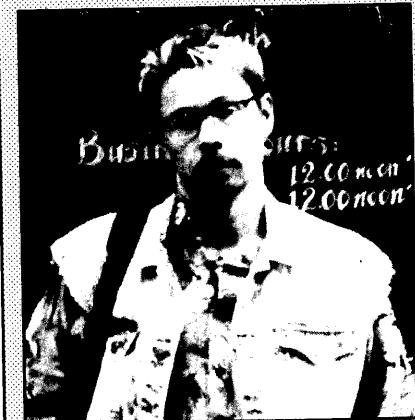
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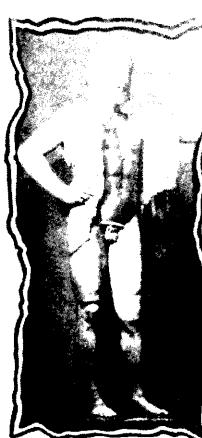
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Editorial

Just because they chose to be openly gay two men have been sacked - one from his job and the other from a local health club. Ian Agnew who was only employed for three days before he was sacked.

Robin Adams who was, he says, thrown out of Tom Turk's Fitness Centre because, he was known to be gay, and that's enough.

Last year two other men lost their jobs because they are gay. One, Mike Sinclair went onto become an Education Officer for the Aids Foundation. The other, Joe Silk, writes for a local English language newspaper. These are not the first openly gay men to pay the high penalty of loss of jobs or club memberships. These are the only ones who have felt able to come forward to tell their story. Without doubt there have been many, many more who have not been able for, various reasons, to come forward.

The sooner the Anti-Discrimination Bill becomes law, the better.

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一九八二年是愛滋病開始在香港被認識的一年，由於缺乏對愛滋病的正確認識及未有一套整全的教育及宣傳計劃；從那時起，對於愛滋病的各種誤解及傳說便在社會中流傳起來；甚至發展到談愛滋色變的地步。在種種誤解下，愛滋病人及帶有病毒者便遭受歧視。

但愛滋病的擴散並沒有因為人的偏見而減少，相反愛滋病的感染個案；在世界各地正不斷上升，面對如此景況，一群有志人士便在八九年間創辦關懷愛滋服務機構。目標是透過教育宣傳及個人輔導服務，令到大眾明白愛滋病後；從而可以做到對抗愛滋病的擴散，並且減少社會上歧視、偏見和誤解。作為一個非政府的志願團體，我們的經濟來源主要由社會上的熱心人士支持及透過不同的籌募活動獲得，至於服務隊伍亦是由來自多階層的人士義務擔任。目前我們的服務主要分為三類：

(一) 教育服務：包括到各社團、組織、公司機構及院校演講，希望將愛滋病的正確觀念帶到社會上



的每個階層，從而減少當中的誤解和歧視。

(二) 電話熱線服務：透過每星期兩個晚上的電話熱線服務解答市民對愛滋病及有關一切的問題。如有需要亦會提供輔導服務或轉介至其它合適的機構。

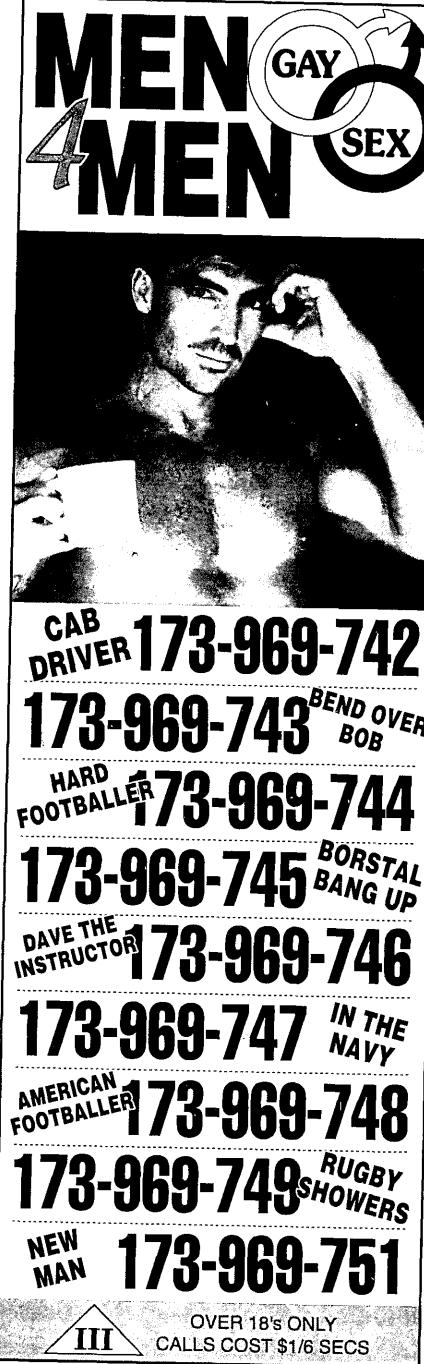
(三) 伙伴計劃：我們不但與我們的服務對象傾談，我們更願意與他們攜手同行，分擔

分享他們的苦與樂，透過這個服務我們希望可以送上一點點的支持和關懷！

除了以上所述外，我們更與各機構及組織聯繫，除了交流一些經驗和知識外，也會合作籌

辦一些專為同性戀者而設的活動。希望透過與不同組織的合作，將愛滋病的正確知識傳播。要令整個社會公平及成熟地正視愛滋病並非一朝一夕的事，我們更明白要改善現時的服務；我們還有一條很崎嶇的路要走，但我們心信只要我們有信心及得到有社會上各人的支持；我們將會做得更好，讓全港市民得到更大的幫助。

Lin Oi Chu



By Pat Lee

In June we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the homosexual liberation movement in the United States of America. Surely this is an opportunity for all Chinese Gays, especially those living on the mainland, to get together to think about how to improve their situation, according to their own conditions.

Throughout the centuries-old history of China, no matter who ruled the country, there was always been a vigorous, if hidden, Gay culture in China. Especially since the reform policy was launched in 1979. Homosexuals have begun to come out of the darkness. Homosexuals walking hand in hand on the street, in parks or hotels, are now a frequent sight in big cities. In 1993, a homosexual club Men's World was started in Beijing with the support of N.H.E.I. However, after only several months of activity, inner conflicts brought the fragile experiment to a halt. The lesson to be drawn from this failure is that Gays, as a community, need honest and competent leaders; without leaders, no community can take shape and defend its rights. The record of the Chinese Gay Community shows that no pressures, how great, can bring down the gay movement. However, in 1993, the reports from both official and non-official indicated that progress is slow, and depressed news is plentiful. They have their fun in public toilets in Beijing; they extort money from foreigners like the

American AIDS consultative officer in Shanghai; and they do not speak of power struggles within the Gay community. So it is now time to identify the main problems and find ways to solve them. No, we cannot deal with all the problems at once. To begin with, we could start a programme on practical problems, such as sexual education and the prevention of AIDS or on moral issues this would help stabilise the situation and promote the smooth and healthy development of the Chinese Gay culture. We have also to improve and expand our ties with other Gay communities in the world in the interest of the homosexual community, both on the mainland and outside China. The aim is to advance learning experience.

Right now, we should concentrate our efforts on improving the status of Gay people, which means trying to make government institutions and mass organisations more empathetic towards the needs of Gay people, raising the self awareness of Gay people, promoting "safe sex" and fighting against AIDS in co-operation with all sectors of society. All those engaging in this campaign should work with a disinterested mind. No one should try to seek a dominant position in the movement. Though capable leaders are necessary, the destiny of the Gay community should not rest with one or two people. Lastly, one thing is sure: in view of the rapid spread of AIDS and the evolution of society we cannot remain inactive. Many courageous and devoted people are needed. The struggle will be hard but we now have a rare opportunity to radically change the status of Gay people in China.

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Local News

● **CE Top** - The opening later this month on the 28th kicks off with a party for all our readers. Wah Chai told us "we're going to have a cocktail party from 1 pm until 6 pm, everyone's welcome". So why not get along there and be among the first to see what this new edition to the Hong Kong gay scene is like?

● **JJ Park** - This new sauna opened late last month. It has a large lounge, Karaoke room, steam and shower rooms. The manager tells us that they can accommodate just under 60 people making it one of the bigger saunas. JJ's is located in Causeway Bay. The full address, phone number and opening hours are listed on page 22, under Gay Guide.

● **AE** - Talking of saunas, you'll want to know that AE has now moved to Wanchai. This small but popular steam club used to be in North Point. They have a steam, shower, Karaoke, crystal, TV and private rooms. The full address, phone number and opening hours are listed on page 22, under Gay Guide.

● **The 10% Club** are very anxious that gay people don't mix them up with an advert that has appeared for quite a while in local Chinese papers. The advert on a 173 number mentions gays and the 10% Club and even has an emblem of a club. Jack Lo told us "These people have nothing whatever to do with us. They are using our name without our permission. We intend to take action against them soon".

● May 21 and 28th from 8. p.m. until 10. p.m. at St John's Cathedral, in the David Kwok room, will see drama lectures on directing, presented by the 10% Club. A spokesperson told us they would be using the films *'I am whoever I am'* and *"A portrait of a dignity"*.

● **Stonewall** - There are some really fabulous events planned for those of you going to New York next month for the Stonewall 25 March and Rally. We had a fourteen page fax giving details of the delights that are in store: They include The Gay Games (June 18-25) The Games are expected to attract over 15,000 athletes from over 40 different countries. Unity is the spirit of the Games. Everyone is welcome to participate - people of all ages, colours, abilities, sexual orientation and HIV status. Concurrently with the athletic competition there will also be a Cultural Festival offering diverse entertainment from all around the world.

● Last month we reported that a new club, called Elements, had opened in Lan Kwai Fong, Central. It seems we were too fast in telling you! We have now heard that they were only open twice and then decided it wouldn't work so closed it! Next time we'll wait a while before reporting 'one night a weekers' so you won't be going rushing there only to be disappointed.

Seen something interesting?
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World News

Australia

● An article about the Anglican Church facing the contentious issue of homosexuality was a joint winner in the Best Feature category of this year's prestigious Equal Opportunity Commission Media Awards announced in Western Australia. 'Honest to God' was written by Janine Cohen and published in The Australian Magazine.

Bermuda

● The UK is pressuring the British dependent territory to decriminalise homosexuality to abide by European human rights law. A UK tourist was recently arrested under Article 175 of Bermuda's penal code, and threatened with ten years jail for gay sex. "Bermuda...is aware that HMG wishes to bring its legislation into line with the European Convention on Human Rights," Foreign Office Minister Mark Lennox-Boyd admitted when questioned by Euro MP Stephen Hughes.

Canada

● A Calgary area ranch played host to the first Canadian National Gay Rodeo last month - featuring some regular rodeo events as well as dressing sheep in bras and panties. The rodeo, modelled after gay rodeos in the United States, drew a crowd of 300 to the ranch four kilometres west of Calgary. 'The support we have received has been wonderful', said a spokesperson for Alberta Gay Rodeo Association. Beside sheep dress

ing, participants also took part in traditional events such as wild cow milking, a wild cow race and barrel racing.

Malaysia

● The National Council of Women's Organisations is calling for a ban on gay clubs, claiming their existence spreads AIDS. "We are against homosexual activities and other abnormal sex behaviour," says President Zaleha Ismail. "We are shocked to know of the existence of such clubs." A small number of gay clubs have opened in the capital Kuala Lumpur in the last few years. The group fails to acknowledge that the only AIDS education in the predominantly Islamic country is carried out by the gay group, Pink Triangle.

U.K.

● Gay Journalist Neil Mckenna, Who started his career with the Pink Paper, has been awarded the first Mike Rhodes Award, set up to recognise a group or individual who has significantly promoted understanding of lesbian and gay life. The award, in memory of gay journalist and broadcaster Mike Rhodes, is worth £500. It was Mckenna's pioneering work with the Independent, lobbying successfully for lesbian and gay coverage throughout the whole paper, which earned him the award.

U.S.A.

● Entertainment giant Time Warner is entering into the debate over what constitutes a family. It is to offer health insurance to the domestic partners of its gay employees, giving them the same rights as heterosexual married couples.

Health

By Danny Wong

We all know about HIV and HIV testing, but how many of us really talk about sexually transmitted diseases with our partners?

I talked to a doctor friend and discovered there were a lot of things I didn't know. Who would have guessed that between 50-75% of gay/bisexual men have or have had hepatitis B, a virus that could cause severe liver damage? I didn't know that gonorrhea can cause arthritis, heart problems and blindness. Did you know that without treatment, syphilis could cause cardiovascular and neurological complications leading to heart attacks, memory loss as well as speech impediments?

And for those who have one or more sexually transmitted disease, they are five times more likely to catch the HIV virus than those who have no sexually transmitted disease. Many of the sexually transmitted diseases cause lesions or open sores which allow the HIV virus to enter the body and the blood stream during unprotected sex.

For someone living with HIV, a simple sexually transmitted disease can become more fatal. Like other opportunistic infections, the sexually transmitted disease infections may be more severe as well as more damaging due to the body's weakened immune system.

For the last decade, everyone has been talking about safer sex and the prevention of HIV transmission, but it's really more than that. You need to know that safer sex not only can stop HIV but can also prevent the thirty other types of sexually transmitted disease. On the following page is an abbreviated list of some of the different types of sexually transmitted disease common amongst gay/bisexual men.

Transmission

Viral infection through oral, anal and vaginal sex

Symptoms

clusters of painful blisters or ulcers on penis, near or in rectum, on buttocks, on the mouth or where fluids of sores touched; swollen lymph nodes, irritation of throat, anal inflammation.

Treatment

no cure for herpes; Acyclovir or Zovirax can reduce symptoms.

Transmission

Viral infection by Hepatitis A or B through rimming; or having oral sex right after anal sex

Symptoms

flu-like symptoms: fever, headache, malaise(general sick feeling); jaundice (3 weeks after infection of Hepatitis A; 3 months for Hepatitis B); for Hepatitis B: lost of appetite; joint aches & swelling; rash; dark tea colored urine.

Treatment

no treatment; gamma globulin and Hepatitis B vaccine can be used as preventative measures.

Transmission	bacterial infection through unprotected oral, anal and vaginal sex.			
Symptoms	no symptoms during first 2 weeks; primary syphilis - chancre or painless ulcer on the mouth, penis, perianus, or anus (will disappear in 2-6 weeks); secondary syphilis - flu-like symptoms, muscle-joint aches, fever, loss of appetite, headache, sore throats; rash on palms/soles of feet (Symptoms will disappear after a year); if still untreated, will cause heart and brain problems, blindness, heart attack, memory loss, speech problem.			
Syphilis				
Treatment	penicillin can kill bacteria, but nothing can undo the damage.			
Transmission	intercourse/physical contact			
Symptoms	small brownish scabs, Crabs, itching			
Crabs				
Treatment	Lindage lotion, apply lotion topically. Wash sheets and clothes that were in contact with the crabs.			
Transmission	bacterial infection through sexual contact (oral, vaginal, anal)			
Symptoms	burning feeling in penis and in rectum; yellow or green penile discharge; anal discharge of blood; itching of penis, anus, or perianal; sore throat or tonsilitis; (if untreated) urethral scarring leading to blockage of urethral flow; testicular pain and swelling; sterility.			
Gonorrhea				
Treatment	penicillin; ceftriaxone; ciprofloxacin			
District	Social Hygiene Clinic	Telephone	Female	Male
Hong Kong	Aberdeen	859-8302	✓	✗
	Western	859-8302	✓	✓
	Tang Shiu Kin	831-6853	✓	✗
	Tang Shiu Kiu	831-6846	✗	✓
New Territories	Shek Wu Hui	670-0211	✓	✗
	Tuen Mun	459-2958	✓	✓
	Wong Siu Ching	658-9182	✓	✗
	South Kwai Chung	425-6921	✗	✓
Kowloon	Yau Ma Tei	359-4377	✗	✓
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The Anniversary

By Wilma Norris

- A seat by the fire, or would you prefer to be by the window? - The window thanks.

Once seated, the couple had their first opportunity to gaze at the room. The only dining-out place in the small seaside resort where they had come to celebrate their anniversary. There was an air of Australian genteel shabbiness to the room, carpet slightly worn at the doorway, curtains with a tinge of aged grey and tablecloths clean enough, but certainly they'd seen better days.

The tables were far apart, discreetly distanced from one another to allow for private conversations and whispered confidences to flow. There was though, an air of mauve depression which hung, just above the dim glow of light which came from the fake plastic chandelier. Something which spoke of past diners and their conversations, many sad, some happy. Family reunions, secret assignations, a night out with the girls, the local community club's annual fund raising dinner and initiation ceremony. The local community used the restaurant frequently at first, but now it had become like the hotel itself, slightly out of the main life of the town, a place now mainly frequented by strangers and passing tourists.

Lucy fingered the edge of the table's centre cloth, lost herself for a while in the intricate pattern of the plastic lace doily which covered the table's centre, desperately searching for a conversation starter, some neutral ground on which the evening's conversation might centre. She could think of nothing. Her companion seemed to be having similar difficulty, and stared past the lace curtained window to the view outside. Not that the view itself was inspiring. In a seaside resort, it would be reasonable to expect glimpses of the sea, a beach, even the distant sandhills, but here the view was directly onto the red brick windowless wall of the local bush fire brigade building which bordered the adjacent parking lot.

There had been many other dinners like this for them. Neither speaking. Not even making eye contact. Just sitting, waiting for something, someone, some incident or other to bring them together. The silence was so great as to inhibit conversation anyway. Muffled shouts came from the public bar, where singleted men downed the last of their beer before returning home to 'the wife'.

She supposed she was 'the wife' too. Like so many wives. Married to a stranger, a being from another race, planet even. A

stranger with whom she now had nothing in common, like so many other wives.

-How can I make it different? She thought to herself. -Or can't I? Perhaps this is the normal thing. Nothing left to say, nothing in common. Is it like this for all women, she wondered, or are there choices?

Her solitary thoughts were interrupted. The room burst into life. Four women arrived, chose their own table without waiting for the restaurateur to go through the motions, and seated themselves in the middle of the room. She thought them ordinary women, plain, in fact. Hard to guess their age, but probably between forty and fifty.

There as something about them, a look? No. More a way of 'being' which made her think they must be related to each other.

-That's what it is, she thought, -they're cousins, or something. She envied their easy familiarity, the concern they showed for each other. Lucy had been taught not to stare, but it was hard to take her eyes off these women. At least their presence gave the room an atmosphere of life, so sadly lacking before their arrival.

Another of the manners instilled in Lucy as a child was that to eavesdrop was extremely rude, but the word 'anniversary' caught her ear and she wondered what anniversary, and which one of the group was celebrating. The overheard conversation lingered in her mind long after the evening finished.

-so, we thought what better way to celebrate an anniversary than to share it with you. Our only trouble has ever been deciding which anniversary to celebrate!

-what do you mean, which anniversary, asked one of the women.

-well, interrupted another of the foursome, -there are so many. There's our first meeting, our first date, the first time we went to be together...she laughed.

-do you remember that, we were so scared we both clung to the edges of the bed, so scared we were to touch, even accidentally!

Lucy was astonished, fascinated, attracted, slightly repelled and absolutely all ears when the third woman spoke.

-How can I make it different? She thought to herself. -Or can't I? Perhaps this is the normal thing.

-I remember alright, it was as if some terrible doom would come crashing down on us if we touched. But oh,

how much I wanted to!

-then there's our first weekend away, even if it was with four children and two pets, staying in a rickety old caravan in your friends' backyard.

-what about the anniversary of our real running away? When we couldn't not, when everything stopped when we saw each other, or talked on the phone. That's probably the easiest day to remember.

The other women nodded, smiling knowingly at each other, each momentarily lost in her own reminiscence.

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Preview - *The Normal Heart*

The Normal Heart first played to audiences in New York and other major American cities as well as a number of European capitals in the late eighties. Now, thanks to American Community Theatre, Hong Kong audiences will have a chance to see this moving and powerful drama.

The play, by the renowned playwright Larry Kramer, who also wrote *Faggots*, is about the most terrifying disease ever known to man: the Aids epidemic. It tells the story



Simon Breen (left), director talking to Mike Sinclair

of very private lives caught up in the heartrending ordeal of suffering and doom - an ordeal that was largely ignored for reasons of politics and majority morality.

Filled with power, anger, and intelligence, Larry Kramer's riveting play dramatises what actually happened from the time of the disease's discovery to the present, and points a moral accusation in many directions. His passionate indictment of government, the media, and the public for refusing to deal with a national plague is electrifying theatre - a play that finally breaks through the conspiracy of

silence with a shout of stunning impact. As Douglas Watt summed it up in his review for the New York Daily News, *The Normal Heart* is "an angry, unremitting and gripping piece of political theatre. You are bound to come away moved."

The play is directed by professional actor, Simon Breen, and stars James Gill, Henri Tatham, and Simon Broad. Simon Breen told us that while this was a very challenging piece of work he felt it was important to do it "to help Hong Kong people, who have a very laid back attitude to Aids, wake up and see that it can effect them".

As well as distributing free condoms and literature Aids Concern and Aids Foundation will both have stalls in the foyer. A group discussion, led by one of the cast, following every performance will help everyone who has any doubts or fears about AIDS.

The Normal Heart runs from 8th to 18th June at the McAuley Studio at the Hong Kong Arts Centre, Wanchai. There is a Gala Performance to benefit Aids Concern on the 10th June. Tickets are available from all URBTIX outlets.



Photos by Tim Hall

James Gill plays Felix

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-so, that's why we thought we'd like you to come with us tonight. To be part of our celebration, to share our joy. We've seen so many couples sharing anniversaries in silence, with nothing, no common bond. Isn't it funny how the world dances at marriages, but soon anniversaries are things of gloom. When we left the safe world of heterosexuality, gloom and doom were forecast for us. Our 'friends' from that time took bets on how long we'd last. The least was three weeks, the most...two years. Here we are though, eleven years on, learning more, loving more, growing!

Lucy turned to stare outright. Eleven years! Why this was her eleventh anniversary too. If only she was like those women, out with someone special and with something to celebrate.

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I have a little bit of penis envy. They're ridiculous, but they're cool. Heart-throb and singer k.d. lang.

一個全屬於女同志的聚會，亦是妳最後參與這個新派對的機會。十一會將於本月廿二日星期日在CK舉行最後一次的新派對聚會；時間是下午二時至六時正，收費非常之大眾化，而且入場費還包括兩杯飲品。如有任何查詢可致電十一會熱線電話。

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Out for being OUT!

By Barrie Brandon

Ian Agnew is an out-gay man, 26 years old, and is, thanks to homophobia in Hong Kong, an unemployed credit controller. Mr Agnew arrived in Hong Kong in March, after being hired by Comtext



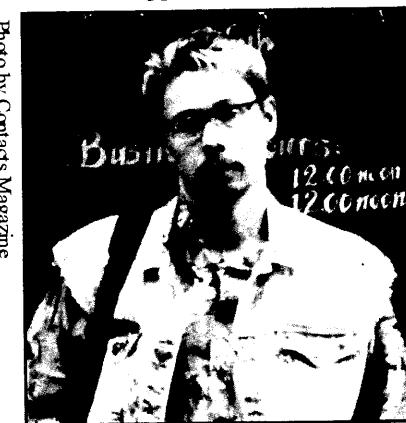
Ian Agnew

Trade Centre, Des Voeux Road, Central. Mr Agnew lost his job, not because he wasn't capable or efficient at it but as he says "because I'm gay and proud of it. I have nothing to hide or be ashamed of".

Mr. Leaney, Constant Communications regional manager, later denied, in an interview with Owen Hughes of the Sunday Post Magazine, that he had ever known or mentioned that Mr. Agnew was gay, and even if he had it would not have caused a problem. Fortunately for Mr. Agnew he had recorded an earlier conversation with Mr. Leaney who is alleged to have said "I do not have a problem with it. I swear I don't have a problem with your private life at all... It is a Chinese thing".

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Robin Adams

Robin Adams, a member of Tom Turks' for over three years, claims he suddenly had his membership cancelled in January this year just because he's gay. Mr. Adams says he never had any problems until Mr Turk discovered that he is gay. "He only found out I'm gay because I went to him and asked if he was

藍--戴力、詹文

終有機會欣賞戴力、詹文 (Derk Jarman) 的新作「藍」。凡留心或關心戴力、詹文的你，每有他的電影面世；必以第一時間購票來欣賞他的作品，心知已病入膏肓的詹文，已命不久矣！其每齣新作，極可能成為他的遺作。這現像從九零年的「花園」已開始至今。不幸的是詹文終於敵不過病魔，於今年二月二十日逝世，享年五十二歲。

遠在第十八屆香港國際電影節前數月，已聞得詹文的新作已沒有如夢如幻的畫

面，美侖美奐的佈景；亦沒有養眼的俊男，更沒有其愛將 Tilda Swinton 充撑場面，唯獨有的祇是一片「藍」，義無反顧的一片「藍」。

入坐前已作好心理準備的我，在電影開始後，仍禁不住有點失望；因為螢幕上所出現的那片藍實在令人沉悶，一大片完完全全沒有生氣；沒有變化的藍，佔據著整個畫面。電影播放了十五分鐘後，觀眾開始按捺不住；半數人低聲暗罵，為何畫面死氣沉沉；一成不變，接著便離場而去。滿有心理準備的我也感失望，又怎教那些慕戴力、詹文之名而進場的人不感沮喪呢！凝視畫面過久，眼睛也感不適，故唯有一忽兒閉目養神，一忽

兒四處張望；看其他仍留在現場的觀眾的動靜，祇見他們像呆獸子一般目不轉睛的死盯著螢幕，生怕會錯過任何一閃即逝的影像，或許他們不相信或不能相信一向把電影拍得如詩如畫的詹文，竟會如此這般與他們開玩笑！但對不起，十多分鐘過去後，除了因眼睛疲勞而出現的飛蚊現象之外，螢幕上沒有顯現過任何模糊的影像。餘下的觀眾竊竊私語，更有人連加映的「詹文絮語 There we are, John」也棄之而離去，祇有「忠實」的詹文迷還留下來欣賞偶像的帶病芳容。看著螢幕上的他，我的心酸了；視野也因淚水而變得模糊不清。他消瘦得不成人形，眼睛沒帶半點神采！剎那間對那義無反顧的「藍」如夢初醒。視覺已接近零，所看到的祇有記憶中的「藍」；「藍」得連觀眾看數十分鐘也覺沉悶難耐，但這是他餘生的伴。所觸到的、聽到的，再不能看到；一切真實頓變得不實在。失去視力的畫家、失明的導演，一切需要肉眼去判斷的工作；去享受的情趣，一切皆因「愛」而生的病魔將之奪走。詹文之死，對他來說儘是一種解脫；雖然他的痴情擁躉打從心底的不願意，但大家又怎忍心看著他苟延殘喘，忍受病魔的煎熬。

Maurice

Head Rush



Poppers: Amyl, butyl and isobutyl nitrite (known collectively as alkyl nitrates). Chemically related to nitrous oxide - laughing gas. Inhaled.

No one has ever died from sniffing poppers. It may not cost you your life, but a bottle of poppers will set you back at least a hundred and fifty dollars. What are the hidden costs and dangers?

Poppers is a gay drug, its popularity established with discos in the Seventies. The straight Rave scene became peppered with poppers when ravers discovered a good snort of poppers when tripping on E was like being hit by the Express Train of Love.

Fine. But isn't using poppers the equivalent of food-processing your brain? More importantly, doesn't it trammel through the immune system, and place people who are HIV positive at untold risk?

Well, no one is really sure. Amyl nitrite was discovered in 1857 and put to medical use some ten years later to relieve chest pains. Modern medicine has super-

Is poppers the equivalent of food-processing your brain?

sed poppers therapeutic uses - beyond that it is a damn good cyanide antidote. Butyl nitrite, however has no known medical uses. Butyl is supposed to be harder on your head, leaving you with the desire to reach for the aspirin.

Poppers have been linked with the development of Kaposi's sarcoma (KS), one of the earliest symptoms of Aids. Even ten years ago there was conflicting evidence of this; nowadays there is even less support for the theory.

It may still be that along with many other substances - tobacco and alcohol included - nitrates act to depress the immune system. Poppers aren't necessarily bad for you but they're hardly good for you either.

Harry Shapiro of the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependency. "Lots and lots of people try this. Many of them find it quite unpleasant, and just don't want to try it again." If you're worried, just stick to the dancing.

自在社

我們不爲自身的
性傾向所掛礙
身也自在。
心也自在。

我是誰？
人生是甚麼？
煩惱怎樣來？
快樂怎麼去？

我們不是高僧，也不是聖賢，和你一樣，都是凡夫俗子；只是我們藉著佛法的智，活得更真確，更自在。

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或

致香港尖沙咀郵箱
92128號

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willing to sponsor a charity event. His reply that he wouldn't even consider supporting anything gay" staggered Mr. Adams. He says that Mr Turk approached him earlier this year and said "we have had complaints from heterosexual members about your standard of dress". Mr Adams said that he responded to this challenge by surprisingly, changing his style of dress, and checking with the gym instructors who all told him they had not received any complaints from anyone about his style of dress.

In a letter to the Hong Kong Economic Journal a male member complained that he couldn't continue to attend the gym "because whenever I went into the changing room that man (Robin Adams) was staring at me". He continued "while I was looking at him he was (sic) replied me by an eye-signal meaning I was interested towards him".

"I am very angry that while so many people appear to use Tom Turk's for cruising he only cancelled my membership because I'm an out gay man" said Robin. "How many men have been thrown out for flirting with women?" He asked.

Contacts Magazine tried to speak to Mr. Turk several times, twice he put the phone down when we announced who we were, and he didn't reply to messages left for him or the faxes we sent.

Legislator Anna Wu, the proposer of my anti-discrimination bill, said she was "deeply disturbed by both cases." Something must be done about such blatant discrimination - It can no longer be tolerated in Hong Kong," she said.

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MEN'S PERSONAL

Rugby Player, 29, very good looking dead straight. Basic Chap 6'1", 196 Lbs. Irish professional. Seeks same. Please send contact number, letter and photo. Box 125

English Executive, 39, just arrived from Thailand. Seeks friendly young man to guide me around town. All expenses paid. Box 123

Chinese early 30, independent and sincere. Seeks mature (35-45) caring guy for friendship or relationship. Box 124

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Gay Guide

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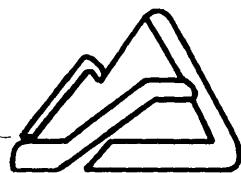
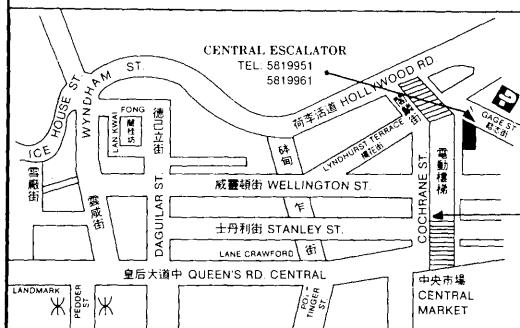
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